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SUBJ: BELIZE: WITHDRAWAL OF HARRIERS

REF: BELIZE 663

1. IN CASE THERE MAY BE SOME DOUBT ABOUT BRITISH INTENTIONS (REFTEL), TED ROWLANDS REAFFIRMED TO EMBOFF HMG'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW TWO HARRIERS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN BELIZE IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT LUCAS' MODERATE INAUGURATION SPEECH.

2. FYI: ROWLANDS EXPLAINED THAT MINISTER OF DEFENCE MULLEY HAD BEEN PRESSURING CABINET FOR SOME TIME TO WITHDRAW THE TWO HARRIERS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO MEET EXISTING NATO COMMITMENTS, BUT THAT SECRETARY OWEN HAD ARGUED AGAINST WITHDRAWAL AND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE CABINET. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, ROWLANDS OBTAINED OWEN'S APPROVAL TO OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWAL TO THE GUATEMALANS IN RETURN FOR MODERATION BY LUCAS IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS. WHILE ROWLANDS WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH LUCAS' SPEECH, HE FOUND IT "NOT UNHELPFUL" AND SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY WITHDRAWAL OF HARRIERS.

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END FYI. WE URGE THAT WITHDRAWAL RATIONALE DESCRIBED BY ROWLANDS BE PROTECTED, AS ITS DISCLOSURE WOULD DEVALUE BRITISH QUID IN GUATEMALAN EYES AND REDUCE ROWLANDS' UTILITY AS CANDID SOURCE ON HMG ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS REGARDING BELIZE AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN ISSUES.

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